CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A method of communicating healthcare information, the
method comprising:

         generating a set of codes each corresponding to respective
healthcare data;

         storing the set of codes in a memory associated with a portable
terminal;

         detecting selection of at least one code corresponding to
healthcare data relevant to a patient; and

         wirelessly transmitting the selected at least one code to a
recipient.

1   2.   The method of claim 1 wherein the portable terminal is a

2   cellular telephone having an on-board memory, the set of codes being stored

3   in the on-board memory.

1   3.   The method of claim 1 wherein the code is transmitted via a

2   first, wireless network.

1   4.   The method of claim 3 wherein the first, wireless network is

2   one of a CDMA network, a GSM network, a TDMA network and a CPDP

3   network.

1   5.   The method of claim 3 wherein the recipient is a gateway that

2   connects the first, wireless network to a second network.

1   6.   The method of claim 5 wherein the second network comprises

2   the Internet/World Wide Web.

1   7.   The method of claim 1 wherein the code is transmitted using

2   Wireless Mark-up Language (WML).

1   8.   The method of claim 5 wherein the healthcare data

2   corresponding to the transmitted code is associated with corresponding

3   healthcare information in a database, and wherein said corresponding

4   healthcare information is transmitted to an end user via the second network.

1   9.   Apparatus for communicating healthcare information, the

2   apparatus comprising:

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4   a portable terminal to communicate wirelessly with a recipient

5   via a first, wireless network; and

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7   a memory, associated with the portable terminal, to store a set

8   of codes, each code corresponding to respective healthcare

9   data,

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11   the terminal having a selector operable by a user to select

12   desired codes of the set of codes for transmission to the recipient.

1   10.   The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the portable terminal is a

2   cellular telephone and the memory is an on-board memory of the cellular

3   telephone.

1   11.   The apparatus of claim 10 where in the cellular telephone is a

2   WAP-enabled telephone arranged to transmit the selected codes via the first,

3   wireless network utilizing a WAP protocol.

1   12.   A system for communicating healthcare information, the

2   system comprising:

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4   at least one portable terminal to communicate wirelessly with a

5   gateway via a first, wireless network, the portable terminal

6   having a memory associated therewith for storing a set of

7   codes, each code corresponding to respective healthcare data;

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9   a first server to communicate with the gateway and to

10   communicate healthcare information to an end user via a

11   second network; and

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13   a gateway to communicate between said at least one portable

14   terminal and the first server.

1   13.   The system of claim 12 wherein the portable terminal is a

2   cellular telephone and the memory is an on-board memory of the cellular

3   telephone.

1   14.   The system of claim 13 wherein the cellular telephone is a

2   WAP-enabled cellular telephone arranged to transmit the selected codes via

3   the first, wireless network utilizing a WAP protocol.

1   15.   The system of claim 12 wherein the first, wireless network is

2   one of a CDMA network, a GSM network, a TDMA network and a CPDP

3   network.

1   16.   The system of claim 12 wherein the second network comprises

2   the Internet/World Wide Web.

1   17.   The system of claim 12 further comprising a second,

2   application server with an associated database storing healthcare

3   information associated with the codes, the gateway being arranged to

4   communicate with the first server via the application server, thereby to

5   retrieve healthcare information from the database corresponding to received

6   codes and to transmit the healthcare information to an end user via the

7   second network.

1   18.   A system for communicating healthcare information, the

2   system comprising:

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4   a gateway to communicate wirelessly with at least one portable

5   terminal via a first, wireless network and with a first server, to

6   receive codes from said at least one portable terminal selected

7   from a set of codes each corresponding to respective healthcare

8   data, and to transmit healthcare information corresponding to

9   the received codes to the first server; and

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11   a first server to communicate with the gateway, to receive the

12   healthcare information from the gateway and to communicate

13   the healthcare information to an end user via a second

14   network.

1   19.   The system of claim 18 further comprising a second,

2 application server with an associated database to store healthcare

3 information associated with the codes, the gateway being arranged to

4 communicate with the first server via the second, application server, thereby

5 to retrieve healthcare information from the database corresponding to the

6 received codes and to transmit the retrieved healthcare information to the

7 end user via the second network.

1   20.   The system of claim 19 wherein the first server is a Web server

2 and the second network is the Internet/World Wide Web.

1   21.   A machine-readable medium comprising instructions which,

2 when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations

3 comprising:

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5   generating a display of a set of codes on a portable terminal,

6   each code corresponding to respective healthcare data;

7   detecting selection of at least one code corresponding to

8   healthcare data relevant to a patient; and

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10   wirelessly transmitting the selected at least one code to a

11   recipient.